

MEETING MINUTES
NEWPORT COAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Location: Newport Coast Elementary School
5:30 p.m., Monday, September 11th, 2006

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Chairman Jim McGee convened the meeting at 5:47 p.m. The following persons were in attendance:
 - Committee members: Jim McGee (Chairman), Gerry Ross (Vice-Chairman), Dan Wampole and Council Members Keith Curry and Richard Nichols.
 - Members of the public: Nancy Gardner and Ali Soleimany.
 - City staff: Dave Kiff (Assistant City Manager) and Matt Lohr (Recreation and Sr. Services Dept).
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s).** The Committee approved the July 10, 2006 meeting minutes unanimously.
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.**
 - Committee members discussed traffic speeds and construction traffic on Ridge Park Road near the Elementary School. Some said, "it will just get worse when the Community Center opens..." Council Member Curry asked Kiff to see that the NBPD "step-up" enforcement of the construction truck prohibition on Ridge Park Road. Members wondered if a pedestrian bridge across Newport Coast Drive would help. McGee reminded the group that "a pedestrian bridge is not the most cost-effective way..." and that "NMUSD offered both bus service and crossing guards," but that residents still felt safer dropping off their kids directly.

Nichols said that "the NC Elementary school drop-off is still a mess" and that "frustration is getting really high" enough to warrant revisiting Nichols' idea of a "traffic circle" or roundabout at the intersection of Tesoro and Ridge Park Road.
 - Committee members discussed problems with pavement on Newport Coast Drive, especially as a result of recent sewer line replacement work done by IRWD. Most of the work was completed within days of the meeting, and all pavement was inspected to the City's satisfaction shortly thereafter. Kiff promised to look into a metal plate in the #1 lane of Southbound NC Drive - it was gone by the time he checked on it.
4. **New Business**

A. Possible Revisions to the Assessment District Relief formula. Willinger reported on discussions with City staff and with consultant Taussig and Associates regarding the following issues relating to “ADR”:

- Whether or not persons who own more than one residence should be entitled to a rebate for each residence;
- Whether or not persons who have residence addresses that are different from the residences receiving a rebate should get the rebate; and
- Whether or not residences held by a trust or business should receive a rebate;

Willinger said that the subcommittee had some recommendations that it would make at an upcoming NCAC Meeting. Kiff suggested that the Pre-Annexation Agreement should be the best guide in determining the answers to the issues listed above.

5. Old Business

Discussion Items:

- Newport Coast Community Center. Kiff showed the latest construction schedule for the Newport Coast Community Center. It is anticipated to be complete in August 2007, in time to be programmed with Recreation programs for Fall 2007. Kiff said that he and city staff would be going through landscaping ideas with the Irvine Company and with the NB Fire Department. Kiff said that meetings between Ms. Annie Tutunjian and architect Betsey Dougherty had been successful, resulting in changes to the colors and textures that were not costly.
- Update from Fire Lanes Subcommittee. Kiff relayed the results of a meeting held between this NCAC Meeting and the last meeting, whereby the Fire Department had met with representatives of the four remaining HOAs that were not in compliance with fire lane designations and presented them with all of the documentation that the City had in hand. Committee members continued to ask for more documentation.
- Road Closure - Pelican Hill Road South. Kiff said that the Irvine Company would be requesting an extension to the permit that allows Pelican Hill Road to be closed near where the road meets Newport Coast Drive near the Marriott. McGee asked that the NCAC and the community be kept updated on when this matter may come before the City Council.
- Newport Coast Elementary School Plant Establishment. The City's Public Works Department was going to look at the plants along the walls at Newport Coast Elementary school (near where the Loop Road went in) to see if there were dead or missing plants.

6. **Issues/Action Items for Future Meetings.** The Committee suggested that Kiff place the following issues on the November 2006 (or later) meeting agenda:

- Pelican Hill Road South Closure
- Newport Coast Drive Monument Sign
- Finance Subcommittee report back on Assessment District Relief.
- Fire Lane Update

7. **Adjourn to Next Meeting.** The Committee adjourned at 6:48 p.m. and set its next regular meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6th, 2006 at the Newport Coast Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room.

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